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CHARTER'S FATE.

It will be Acted Upon at To-morrow Night's Meeting.

THE RESULT IS YET IN DOUBT.

There is a sentiment in favor of Amending the Ordinance providing for the Election—Some Desire to Have the Election in Connection with the Regular Municipal Election Next Month—Some Weak Points May be Struck Out.

To-morrow night there will be a regular meeting of the city council. Among important matters that will be considered is the ordinance providing for a special election on December 22 to vote on the adoption of the proposed city charter.

It will be remembered that the ordinance passed the second branch several weeks ago. After several delays it finally came to a vote in the first branch two weeks ago and was passed on a very close vote, six to five. Mayor Caldwell was about to declare the ordinance adopted when Mr. Farrell called his attention to the rule of council which requires ordinances to secure a two-thirds majority at the first passage, and if only a majority vote for the measure it shall be passed a second time.

Consequently the ordinance comes up in the first branch to-morrow night, and there is much interest displayed in its fate. It is said that the opposition to the charter will be strong enough to defeat it then and there, but the supporters of the measure declare this is untrue and that a majority in its favor is assured.

Of course the date of the special election, if one is to be held at all, will have to be changed, for the day named in the ordinance is the 22d, the day of the meeting of council. Some have declared in favor of having the special election on the following Tuesday, December 23, but others who desire to see the people given a chance to express themselves on the new charter, and do not favor the expense of a special election, would have the charter voted upon at the regular municipal election the latter part of next month.

Still others, it is said, desire to have the ordinance reviewed in council, and some of its weak points amended and made as strong as possible. This course will be attempted, it is said, at to-morrow evening's meeting of council.

There appears to be a general impression that the charter will finally, in some manner, come to a vote of the people.

THE PROPOSED CHARTER.

Mr. Hocking Sees Danger Ahead if the Instrument is Adopted by the Voters of Wheeling.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words on the proposed charter. The friends of the charter seem to think that every person who opposes their pet scheme is an enemy to good government. I beg leave to differ, and will say that the labor element is in favor of good government, as well as the distinguished gentlemen who formulated the charter, but we believe that the best government is that which comes direct from the people and not by centralization of power in boards as proposed by the new charter. I believe, too, that persons should discuss the measure over their own name so we may know who is presenting the question, and we will try to be able to judge better as to their motives. Mr. Editor, I desire to call attention to a few reasons for my opposition to the charter.

First, is the creation of a board of public safety through which the people are to be denied the right to elect a chief of police. The reason assigned for this change is to secure more uniformity in the police force. I have been in cities where boards controlled the police, and I am firmly of the opinion that our system is best. The true reason for the change is to have the police department under better control in case of strikes, which is all unneeded, for as there never has been any trouble on that line in the city of Wheeling. This argument is being used in certain circles and cannot be denied.

Second, the board of control, which gives to three men control of the entire city makes a splendid opening for a nice fat thing for the right party, and opens up the way for a "boss" combination similar to the Mayor-Pink combination of Pittsburgh, and places back of them an immense amount of patronage with which to further their schemes.

Third, I desire to call attention to the board of public safety, which provides for the purchase of one toll bridge crossing the river. The city will have no right to build a bridge under this charter. Does any person think that the bridge company will sell one bridge and there by cut off all revenue from the island? This section will prevent the island from ever securing free toll.

Fourth, will some one explain section 56, why the city solicitor may file outside the city limits and not necessarily be a tax-payer, when all other officers must be residents of the city? It can't be a personal matter, but some one has an ax to grind.

Fifth, and last, the civil service provision. I hold that civil service (as it stands today), is the first step toward a monarchical form of government and contrary to good business principles. Would any business man assume control and become responsible for any business unless he could have the right to select such people as he would have confidence in? This cannot be denied and if it is correct in private business, why not in public affairs? A person accepting a position under civil service must surrender the greatest right of an American citizen, that is, the right to have and express an opinion on political questions. If the people lose interest in politics then corruption takes hold. If it is right to retain the mail carrier, why not the postmaster, and if the postmaster, why not postmaster general? I hold that the same argument under the same logic that applies to the others, and even to the President. If the President is a good officer, why remove him without proving charges? I warn the people to be careful. They are toying with a very dangerous thing in civil service and that which may be the beginning of the end of our present form of government.

HARRY HOCKING.
Wheeling, December 23.

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Perhaps the most enjoyable number was the intermezzo for string instruments, the work selected being Steek's "Flirtations." The Christmas lull of Volkmann, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht," was a most graceful performance, and being appropriate to the holiday season, was all the more acceptable to those in the audience whose minds were wondering what to fill the waiting stockings with.

The "Nightbirds," however, deserves a special mention. In this piece the vocal qualities of the members of the orchestra shone out like a diamond star in a sky of ink. This improvement of voice is due to the masterful training of Professor Anton Reymann, who has exclusive charge of the voice culture of the students in the conservatory.

But to recur to "Flirtations"—not what was going on in the hall—but the musical number—the transcription under Director Spelt's masterful baton, was so grand, so sympathetic that its repetition was unanimously demanded by the entranced audience. Nothing like it was ever heard in Wheeling before, and nothing like it ever will be, by the same number of instruments.

These recitals are attended by the best class of the musical-loving public of the city, and the audiences that are present are to some extent exclusive, as only subscribers and their friends are admitted—and then only when accompanied by them and the presentation of the card of invitation. The programme given last evening was made up of the following numbers:

March of the Priests from "Athalie"..... Mendelssohn-Bartoldi
Overture "Wohlfest"..... H. Starke
Waltz—"Nightbirds"..... C. M. Ziehrer
Grand Selection from "La Favorita"..... Donizetti
Christmas lull—"Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht"..... Volkmann
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IN MEMORIAM.

At a regular meeting of Alpha Lodge No. 421, Knights of Honor, held December 19, 1896, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:
Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Dictator of the universe to remove from our midst our late Brother, Alexander Frew, and
And whereas, It is but just that a fitting recognition of his many virtues and kindness of heart, that we as brothers hold our deceased brother in high esteem, therefore be it
Resolved, By this lodge, that while we bow with humble submission to the will of the Most High, we mourn the loss of our brother who has been taken from us.
Resolved, That in the death of Brother Alexander Frew this lodge laments the loss of a brother who was ever ready to proffer the hand of aid to all the needy of sympathy to the needy and distressed; a citizen who was upright and honorable, and those who knew him best loved him most.
Resolved, That the sympathy of this lodge be extended to the family in their affliction.
Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge, a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, and also that they be published in next Monday morning newspapers.

W. A. STOEFTZER,
J. D. McPADDEN,
PORTER SMITH,
Committee.

DIED.

BELLVILLE—On Saturday, December 19, 1896, at 10 o'clock p. m., JULIA, wife of John W. Bellville, aged 55 years, 9 months and 7 days.

Funeral from her late residence, No. 232 Wood street, this (Monday) afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Zion cemetery.

MATTHEWS—At residence of parents, No. 1111 Chapin street, on Sunday morning, December 20, 1896, at 10 o'clock, EDITH L., daughter of George and Nancy A. Matthews.

Funeral notice hereafter.

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